Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1908

Elder J. F. Mills, Moderator . . .
J. W. Jones, Clerk, Marshville, N. C., R. 1

MINUTES

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Twenty-Fourth Spring Session, Held with the Church at High Hill, Union County, N. C., May 2, 3 and 4, 1908.

Also the Seventy-Seventh Annual or Fall Session, Held with the Church at Running Creek, Stanley Co., N. C., October 3, 4 and 5, 1908.

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PROCEEDINGS OF

THE BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

SPRING SESSION

MAY 2, 1908

High Hill, Union County, N. C.

Met at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Mills; text, 1st John iv. 7.

Intermission one hour; then assembled in the house.

Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson.

1. Called for and read the letters from the churches.

2. Appointed Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. The following brethren appeared and were seated:

Abbott's Creek—P. M. Foster.

Mill Branch—Winslow Wright, Isom Hinson, and L. O. Hinson.

Country Line—H. W. Johnson.

Silver Creek—J. R. Moore, Jonas Taylor.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

Little River—Elder J. E. Adams and D. A. McCaskill of Georgia.

5. Appointed on Committee of Arrangements Brethren W. C. Edwards, D. M. Hathcock, A. M. Helms, with moderator and clerk.

6. Arranged that Elders P. D. Gold, J. E. Adams, J. E. Williams and Henry Taylor preach at the stand on tomorrow.

7. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday.

Preaching at the stand Saturday afternoon by Elders J. E. Adams, A. G. Morton and P. D. Gold.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Service opened at the stand by Elder J. E. Adams; text, Hebrews iv. 9. He was followed by Elder P. D. Gold; text, "Blessed are they that do His commandments."

Intermission of one hour, after which services were continued by Elder J. E. Williams; text, Matthew v. 4, and concluded by Elder Henry Taylor from Eccles. xii. 13.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 4

Assembled in pursuance to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms.

8. Report of Arrangement Committee read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers; noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to report; no report—(Distributed corresponding minutes).

11. Called on presbyteries to report, when Elder J.

E. Williams reported that he and Deacon W. P. Bowers formed a presbytery at Bear Creek church on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1908, and ordained Brother A. J. Furr a deacon of this church.

12. We return thanks to God for His goodness and brethren and friends of this church and community for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

13. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes.

Monday services at the stand were conducted by Elders W. R. Helms, A. G. Morton, P. D. Gold and Ben Treece much to the comfort of the Lord's people.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS, SPRING-1908.

Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, J. A. Barbee, G. P. Furr.
Bethany—W. A. Dry*, N. G. Jones.
Crooked Creek—J. M. Austin, S. C. Jones, H. E. Rowell.
Clark's Grove—J. F. Howell*, S. B. Tucker, E. Barbee*.
Freedom—Elder Jesse Brown*, J. A. Holt*, A. J. Dees.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, A. M. Helms, S. A. Helms.
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, Alve Howard, R. B. Burrus.
Jones Hill—A. E. Little, Futlon Curlee, R. T. Burrus.
Jerusalem—Joe Thomas*, W. A. Helms, J. W. Godwin.
Liberty—S. W. Eason, W. D. Benton, J. W. Helms.
Liberty Hill—Elder H. W. Williams, W. H. Hinson*, A. G. Helms.
Lawyer's Spring—J. W. Jones, E. W. German, E. C. Jones.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, H. Shoe*, J. A. Barbee*.
Mountain Creek—Paul Safely*, B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller.
Pleasant Hill—J. S. Norris*, Sam Rimmer, H. P. Cashion.
Pleasant Grove—C. E. Griffin, J. A. Jones, Elder J. F. Mills.
Running Creek—W. H. Hatley*, Wilson Alman, G. M. Tucker.
Union Grove—B. R. Funderburk, J. H. Hill, Joe Baucom.
Watson—W. H. Mullis, E. C. Williams, S. L. Mullis.
Wadesboro—Adam Green*, W. D. Edwards, A. D. Maness.

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* Absentees marked thus.

FALL SESSION

OCTOBER 3, 1908

Running Creek, Stanley County, N. C.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m.

Introductory sermon delivered by Elder Henry Taylor from Daniel xxix. 3.

Intermission one hour; then convened in the house.

Praise and prayer by Elder B. H. Harrelson, of Mill Branch.

Proceded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for and read letters from the several churches and their status minuted.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats:

From Abbot's Creek appeared Elders C. A .Davis, W. T. Broadway and Brethren Solomon Snider, Love Morgan, Sam Snider, and A. N. Surrat.

From Mill Branch, Elder B. H. Harrelson—(minutes also).

4. Also invited visiting brethren of sister associations to seats. Brother J. R. Jones, of Greensboro, was seated.

5. Appointed on Committee of Arrangement the following brethren: E. C. Williams, S. L. Mullis, Elder H. Taylor, with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed on Finance Committee Brethren Aaron Furr and D. B. Howard.

7. Elected by ballot the following ministers, W. T. Broadway, B. H. Harrelson, C. A. Davis and Ben L. Treece, to preach at the stand on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning.

Benediction by the moderator.

Saturday evening while the association was in session in the house Elders Harrelson and Davis conducted services at the stand.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4

Services conducted at the stand today by the following ministers:

1. W. T. Broadway; text, "Ye are God's building."

2. B. H. Harrelson; text, "Preach the word," and also, "God said, Let there be light and there was light."

Intermission one hour.

3. C. A. Davis; text not remembered by clerk.

4. B. L. Treece; text, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Thus closed the Sunday service. The Lord wonderfully blessed His servants to preach in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, and blessed be His name.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5

Met pursuant to adjournment in the house.

Service opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Williams.

Proceeded to regular order, Elder Mills presiding.

9. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report; the same submitted and adopted and committee discharged.

10. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees, and read Rules of Decorum.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report.

Elder W. T. Broadway reported that they of Abbott's Creek were in peace and wish to continue our correspondence.

Elder B. H. Harrelson, of Mill Branch, reported peace and union in their association and they wish our correspondence continued.

Received file of minutes as a present from Staunton River Association.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report:

Elder J. E. Williams reported that he and the other brethren appointed attended Abbott's Creek Association and had a comfortable meeting.

Elder J. F. Mills reported that he attended Mill Branch Association and had a goood meeting.

Others who failed were excused.

13. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows:

To Mill Branch—Elders J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams, and minutes.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams, Henry Taylor, and minutes.

To Mountain District—File of minutes.

To Silver Creek—Elder H. Taylor and minutes.

To Senter—File of minutes.

14. Called on presbyteries to report.

Elder J. E. Williams reported that he and Elder A. G. Morton formed a presbytery at Mountain Creek on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1908, and ordained Brother Ben L. Treece to the full work of the gospel ministry.

Elder J. F. Mills reported that he and Elder Henry

Taylor and the deacons of sister churches present formed a presbytery at Union Grove on the second Sunday in June and ordained Brother T. F. Hill a deacon of that church.

15. Treasurer reports funds on hand from last year, $11.00.

16. Finance committee reports sent up this year, $28.50.

Total funds now on hand, $39.50.

17. Agreed that our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be appended to these minutes.

18. Agreed that the next spring session of this association convene with the church at Jones Hill, Stanley county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1909, Elder J. F. Mills to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. E. Williams alternate, and that the fall or annual session be held with the church at Crooked Creek, Union County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1909, Elder Walter C. Edwards to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Henry Taylor alternate.

19. Agreed that the clerk ask Elder Gold to publish notices of above meetings in the Landmark, with an invitation to orderly Baptists to attend.

20. Agreed that the clerk have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed, and have eight dollars for his services, and also send the sum of ten dollars to our old moderator and afflicted brother, Elder S. C. Little, the same to be carried to him, if still living, by Brother G. P. Furr, otherwise to be paid over to some member of the family.

21. We return thanks to God and brethren and friends of this community for the kindness and hospitality shown us during this meeting.

22. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned in these minutes.

Benediction by the moderator.

Monday services conducted at the stand by Elders Harrelson and Davis.

Thus ended this meeting in peace and harmony.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. Jones, Clerk,

Marshville, N. C., R. 1.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

3. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

4. We believe the doctrine of election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the

ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. A moderator, or chief speaker, and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

7. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this association shall be reproved by the association in any way they may think proper.

ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C.
Elder S. C. Little, Albermarle, N. C.
Elder A. G. Morton, Albermarle, N. C.
Elder J. E. Williams, Bloomington, N. C.
Elder Jesse Brown, Cagles Mill, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Stouts, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albermale, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1908

On hand from last year		$11 00
Sent up by the churches this year		28 50
Total		$39 50
For Printing these minutes	$14 00	
Allowance to clerk	8 00	
Gift to Elder S. C. Little	10 00	
Total paid out	$32 00	$32 00
Left on hand		$ 7 50

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. & Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	In Fellowship	Date of Communion	No. of Communion	Contributions
Bear Creek	Aaron Furr, Bloomington, N C.	Eld J E Williams, Larkin Vanhoy, Aaron Furr.	4	..	1	..	1	1	37	1 Aug		$ 2 00
Bethany	N G Jones, Marshville, N C., R 1	W Dry,§ N G Jones	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	3 Aug.		1 00
Crooked Creek	H E Rowell, Indian Trail, N C, R 1	J M Austin, W E Baucom, H E Rowell	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	3 July		1 [illegible]
Clarks Grove	J F Howell, Big Lick, N C	J F Howell, S B Tucker, E Darbee	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	1 Sept.		1 20
Freedom	C S Medlin, Bloomington, N C	Eld Jessie Brown,§ A J Dees, C S Medlin	..	2	..	..	..	..	11	1 Sept.		1 00
High Hill	S A Helms, Monroe, N C	Eld Henry Taylor, J J Hill, S J Outen	1	3	..	..	..	..	55	4 Sept		2 50
Howards Chapel	P A Howard, Jack Daw, N C	Henry Carpenter, D B Howard, J S Curlee	..	..	..	..			23	3 Sept.		1 50
Jones Hill	J S Little, Big Lick, N C	A A Morton, Henry Howard, Jona Morton	2	..	..	1	..	1	37	2 Aug.		1 50
Jerusalem	J W Godwin, Marshville, N C, R 2	J W Godwin, W A Helms	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	4 July		1 50
Liberty	S W Eason, Monroe, N C, R 5	S W Eason,§ W D Benton	4	..	..	1	..	..	15	4 July		1 15
Liberty Hill	C W Safely, Bridgeport, N C	Eld H M Williams, C W Safely, A G Helms	4	1	1	..	..	..	23	1 Aug		1 00
Lawyers Spring	J W Jones, Marshville, N C, R 1	J W Jones, C B Edwards, S Edwards	..	..	..	2	..	..	33	3 Aug.		2 50
Meadow Creek	D M Hathcock, Locust Level, N C	D M Hathcock, J A Barbee, Hiram Shoe	2	..	..	1	..	1	24	2 Oct		1 50
Mountain Creek	A Vanhoy, Pennington, N C	Eld B L Treece, J C Miller, Paul Safety§	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	4 June		1 65
Pleasant Hill	H P Cashion, Moresville N C, R 3	Sam Rimmer, John Lambert, H P Cashion	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	2 July		1 00
Pleasant Grove	T A Helms, Marshville, N C, R 4	J A Jones, J T Tice, T A Helms	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	2 Aug.		1 50
Running Creek	G M Tucker, Mt Pleasant, N C, R 1	G M Tucker, W H Hatley, J H McClure	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	2 Sept.		1 25
Union Grove	I N Medlin, Monroe, N C	T A McClellan, T F Hill, I N Medlin§.	..	1	..	2	..	1	26	4 May		1 00
Watson	S L Mullis, Sincerity, N C.	S L Mullis, E C Williams, Joel Mullis.	..	..	..	..	1	1	22	4 Aug.		1 50
Wadesboro	Adam Greene, Wadesboro, N C.	W D Edwards§, A D Maness,§ Adam Green§	..	4	..	..	..	..	7			1 00
		Totals	21	11	2	12	2	6	436			$23 50

Absentees marked thus: §

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